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Dear: Director, Mr. del Rosario, Mr. Matson, and Mr. Petroff:

**Re: Quarterly Progress Report – June 2019
Remedial Design/Remedial Action (RD/RA)
Himco Dump Site, Elkhart, Indiana (Site)**

In accordance with your email on October 11, 2018, USEPA temporarily alleviated the monthly recurrence (Paragraph 31 of the HIMCO CERCLA RD/RA Consent Decree (CD), which was lodged with the United States District Court for the Northern District of Indiana on September 7, 2007) to quarterly with report submissions due in December, March, June, September, etc. This report is submitted by Groundwater & Environmental Services, Inc. (GES) on behalf of the Performing Settling Defendants (PSDs), collectively known as the Himco Site Trust (the Trust).

A Site plan that presents all monitoring locations is presented as **Figure 1** for your reference while reviewing this Progress Report.

1. **Actions Taken Toward Achieving Compliance with the Consent Decree**

The PSDs completed the following tasks since March 2019:

- No actions required.

2. **Sampling/Test Results**

- In April 2019, GES completed the biennial groundwater and soil gas sampling. Results will be incorporated under a future submission.

3. **Deliverables Submitted During the Reporting Period**

The PSDs submitted the following deliverables to USEPA during the quarterly reporting period:

- The Trust submitted the Institutional Controls Implementation and Assurance Plan (Long-Term Stewardship Plan) on December 12, 2018. USEPA provided conditional approval on April 3, 2019. The Trust resubmitted the plan on April 30, 2019 which incorporated minor changes (e.g., “deed restrictions” to “deed notices” and figure/table redactions).
- In April 2019, GES repaired fence and SGP damage resulting from winter vehicular accidents.
- In May 2019, GES completed the private well abandonment and connection to the municipal water supply for ESM Auto Sales LLC. The property at 27947 Westwood Drive has already been connected to the municipal water supply; thus, no further action is required.
- On May 31, 2019, the Biennial Soil Gas Monitoring Report was submitted documenting the soil gas monitoring activities and results that were collected in April 2019.

4. **Projected Work for the Next 6 Weeks**

The updated project schedule is attached as Figure 2. The Trust will commence and/or continue the following activities over the next six weeks:

The Trust and GES are beginning work on the next Annual Groundwater Monitoring Report which will include results from October 2018 and April 2019, as well as an enhanced discussion of recent reports, and recent endeavors and site controls to provide a current, holistic perspective of the site, condition, and future. It will also include a section with statistical/trend analyses for sampling data since 2012 (e.g., ~13 events) for relevant parameters and aquifers as outlined in the attached table.

5. **Delays and Percentage Completion**

None anticipated.

6. **Proposed Modifications to Plans or Schedule**

As permitted by the 2004 ROD, a request to reduce the soil gas sampling and landfill inspection frequency was submitted to the USEPA on August 1, 2018. The USEPA approved, via email, the request on August 2, 2018; the semi-annual schedule began in October 2018.

The O&M schedule is provided as Figure 2. The status (Planned, In Progress or Complete) of each task has been updated.

The schedule has been updated to present planned 2019 activities.

Several completed items have been "rolled up" to simplify the presentation of the schedule.

The schedule will be updated in each Quarterly Progress Report.

7. Community Relation Plan Support and Related Activities

There was no community relation plan support or related activities completed since December 2018.

Should you have any questions on the above, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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